

PATENT Docket No. 1082-010

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE Group Art Unit: 285&

In re Application of:

SMITH et al.

Examiner:

Entitled: "SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR

MEASURING BENDING IN A PIN

MEMBER"

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION NO. 1

In response to the non-final Office Action of May 3, 2002 (hereinafter "Office Action No. 1"), the period for response having been extended two months to October 3, 2002 by the concurrently filed Petition and fee, please reconsider the application in view of the following remarks.

REMARKS

Acknowledgment of Allowable Claims 12-24

Applicants acknowledge the indication in Office Action No. 1 at page 9 that claims 12-24 are merely objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim,